Gains Against Racism Lauded by Kleindienst

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SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15—Attorney General Richard G. Kleindienst said today America is "purging is soul of the stain of racism" and aserted that the Nixon administration has filed more legal actions against discrimination than any other.

Partly because of "he moral power of the law, bigory is in retreat and human understanding has won new victories in the hears of Americans," Kleindienst said.

The atorney general spoke of changes in attitudes toward civil righs and civil liberties in a keynote speech to the annual convention of the American Bar Association.

Changed attitudes on civil rights, he said, have been fostered by the Justice Department under boh political parties.

He added, "Despite partisan claims to he contrary, I am pleased to note hat in virtually every civil rights category—education, employment, housing, voting and public accommodations—we have brought actions against more defendants in he same period of time han any previous administration."

He said that, "We are forging a whole new spectrum of rights—women's equal opportunity rights, prisoners' rights the right of indigent defendants to paid legal counsel—rights that were glossed over by a less sensitive society a generation ago."

Despite charges the administration has taken a "repressive" attitude toward demonstrations, Kleindienst said, "Massive peaceful demonstrations are not only permitted but are accommodated by extraordinary leeway in the use of public property, even to the inconvenience of others."

On the other hand, Kleindienst said it had been necessary to draw the line when people "of one viewpoint attack the right of others through the bomb or the bullet.

"And I would point out that this firmness in the public defense, coupled with the realization that change can be accomplished by the peaceful process that we have created for ourselves, has effectively curbed the mob violence that was threatening the very stability of our country three and a half years ago."

At a news conference Monday, Kleindienst promised sweeping arrests in Miami Beach should unruly demonstrators get out of hand during the Republican National Convention.